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Paul Kevin SHUFFLEBOTHAM et al.) Group Art Unit: 1763
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 23, 2002 in the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following:

REMARKS

Claims 50-53 and 55-70 are pending. Reconsideration of the Official Action dated April 23, 2002 is respectfully requested.

The Official Action rejects Claims 50-53 and 55-70 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,070,551 to Li et al. ("Li") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,106,678 to Shufflebotham et al. ("Shufflebotham"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The present application is assigned to Lam Research Corporation, as evidenced by the Assignment recorded at Reel 8471/Frame 053.